

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this a sales tax increase?

No! Pulaski County Sales Tax will remain at its current level. This referendum will simply extend the current 1% sales tax for an additional 5 years. Collection of this renewal ESPLOST can only begin after the current ESPLOST expires.

What is the State Contribution to the Project?

Because Pulaski County qualifies for Low Wealth Project Specific funding through the capital outlay program, the state will contribute approximately **\$37 Million**. Passing this ESPLOST allows Pulaski County to take advantage of the available state dollars.



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GIVING PULASKI COUNTY STUDENTS WHAT THEY DESERVE

1¢ EDUCATION SALES TAX REFERENDUM

Nov. 5, 2019

**Early Voting
Oct. 15 thru Nov. 1**

VISIT PULASKI COUNTY SCHOOLS WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
<https://www.pulaski.k12.ga.us/proposed-new-k-12-facility/>

ESPLOST

FOR EDUCATION



RED DEVILS

Pulaski County Schools



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Information for Parents and Citizens

What is an EDUCATION SPLOST (ESPLOST)?

An “ESPLOST” is the option for a local system to call a referendum approving a one percent sales tax for school construction and/or retire bond debt. The penny sales tax spreads the responsibility of educating our children to all citizens and visitors of the community. Anyone who spends money in Pulaski County is funding the ESPLOST, regardless of whether or not the person lives in the county.



Previous ESPLOST Projects

- **Renovating of HHS**
- **Bus Purchases**
- **System-wide Technology updates**
- **Baseball Concessions**
- **HVAC improvements**
- **Security cameras in all facilities**

FACTS ABOUT CONTINUING THE 1¢ EDUCATIONAL SALES TAX ON November 5, 2019



- No new sales taxes
- An extension of the current sales tax, not an additional tax
- Pays **BOND DEBT**
- Sales tax is paid by everyone who shops in Pulaski County, including visitors
- Provide modern, safe, and secure school facilities for Pulaski County children
- Quality schools promote a better future for our students and economic growth for our community.
- Due to our low wealth project specific determination, we will be getting around **\$37 million** from the state.



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What will the continued 1¢ Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) provide for Pulaski County students? The proposed projects include:



- ❖ A modern, safe, and secure K-12 School that will allow students to have a seamless transaction from elementary school to high school
- ❖ A new air conditioned high school gym that will be built as part of the K12 school
- ❖ New lighted softball and baseball fields as well lighted tennis courts
- ❖ This will give every child in Pulaski County the opportunity for success

What is the advantage of an ESPLOST?

The ESPLOST can pay **bond debt** and shares the cost of educational facilities and equipment with visitors and all citizens – *not just property owners*. Sales tax offsets property tax and helps keep property taxes stable.